(c) There was no decline in total shrimp landings in 1992 as compared to 1991.

(d) Some major steps taken for increasing production of shrimp includes :

(i) development of shrimp aquaculture through establishment of Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies;

(ii) encouraging establishment of integrated shrimp farms and support facilities in the government/public/private sectors; and

(iii) allowing duty free import of shrimp feed.

(e) An Environmental Impact Assessment Study was made for implementation of a World Bank assisted shrimp culture project.

(f) Some of the major steps initiated for this purposes include :—

(i) discouraging intensive shrimp farming;

(ii) requiring clearance from State Pollution Control Boards for shrimp aquaculture projects; and

(iii) requiring preparation of Environmental monitoring plans and environmental management plans for 100% Export Oriented Units for shrimp aquaculture.

Cowdung Import

3341. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact than Government are importing cowdung from Holland;

(b) if so, what is the quantity, rate and the import modalities; and

(c) the manner in which this is proposed to be used and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Research Organisations under Agriculture Ministry

3342. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Research Organisations under the Ministry of Agriculture located in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred on these institutes organisations during the last year;

(c) whether any evaluation of these establishments have been done;

(d) whether some of them need to be closed down; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The names of the Research Organisations under the Ministry of Agriculture including the Indian Council of Agriculture Research in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra alongwith details of expenditure during 1992-93 are appended in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes Sir, The evaluation of Agro-economic Research Centre, Waltair and Gokhale Institute for Politics and Economics, Pune has been done by the Poduval Committee.

In the case of Institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research the evaluation is done by duly constituted Quinquennial Review Team (QRT). The projects are also evaluated in the Annual/Biennial Workshops.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.